



Child Care Health Consultants

A child care health consultant is a health care professional, usually a nurse, who works with child care providers to promote the health and safety of children in the child care setting. Health consultants are specially trained as part of the Healthy Child Care America campaign, which is based on the principle that families, child care providers and health care providers can form a partnership to promote the healthy development of young children in care.

A nurse can help prevent illnesses and the spread of communicable diseases and injuries by assisting child care providers in food safety practices, sanitation, playground safety, medication administration, etc. In addition, a nurse can assist with special needs ranging from helping children with diabetes or asthma to assisting children in wheelchairs or those with developmental delays or disabilities. On-site vision, hearing and developmental screenings are also available.

Child Care Health Consultants Know About...

- Infection Control and Disease Prevention
- Environmental Health Issues
- Routine Health Checkup Schedules
- Pediatric First Aid
- Injury Prevention and Safe Active Play
- Pediatric Nutrition



- Children's Oral Health
- Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Accessing Community Health Resources
- Growth and Development of Children
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Playground Safety and Assessment

Child Care Health Consultants Can...

- Review health, safety and nutrition practices.
- Develop and teach about carrying out written health practices.
- Facilitate education classes for providers and parents through the local Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) sites.
- Provide on-site technical assistance.
- Link children, families and child care providers with community health resources, health screenings or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Provide nutrition and feeding tips.
- Provide communicable disease information.
- Link with community mental health services.
- Provide health and safety training.
- Develop health care plans for children with special health care needs.
- Help child care providers correctly perform special health procedures.



For a Child Care Health Consultant in Your Area Contact...

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Early Childhood Connections

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Pierre Area Referral Service

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Early Childhood Partners

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Family Resource Network -- SDSU

HDCFS Dept. Box 2218
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Visit Child Care Services
On the Web at:

[www.state.sd.us/social/
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